

In the specification:

Replace the paragraph on page 3 (line 25), with the following new paragraph:

Yeast has proven to be a good vehicle for the expression of human proteins, based on the strong similarity of yeast and human cells on the molecular level. A lot of information has been obtained in this way on the interaction of proteins and DNA in cellular mechanisms involved in normal processes and/or human diseases. Wild-type and mutant alpha-synuclein have been expressed in yeast with the object of analysing the regulation of synuclein misfolding (<http://www.mcomp.purdue.edu/faculty/rochet.php>). Expression of different domains of wild-type alpha-synuclein in *E coli* led to the identification of a protease sensitive C-terminal truncation. The use of a two-hybrid screen in yeast has made it possible to identify synphilin-1 as protein interaction partner of alpha-synuclein (Neystat et al. (2002) *Neurosci Lett* 325, 119-123).